

# Soaring to Excellence with Parents as Partners: Learning at Home and the Common Core Standards



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# Favorite Quote

“If we teach today the way we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow.”

John Dewey

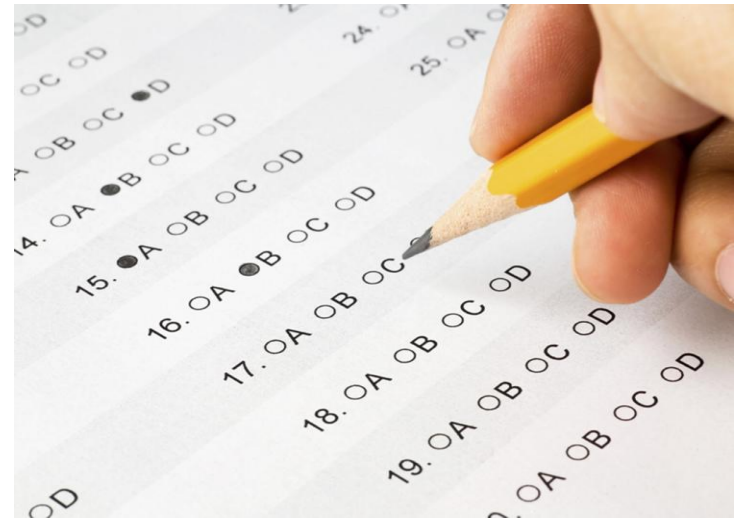


# What to Teach?

## Textbooks/Frameworks



# Standards



# Impact of Standards

- **Positives:**

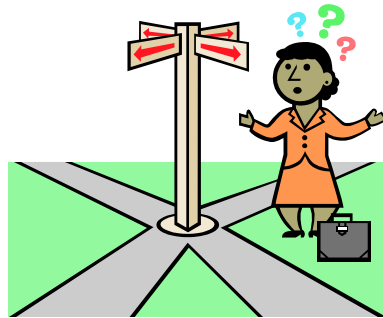
- Course of Study/  
Requirements for  
learning by grade
- Common to all districts  
in a state
- Testing aligned to state  
standards
- Accountability

- **Impediments:**

- Differences in  
implementation of  
standards
- Aligned within one  
state but not others
- Testing not always  
adequate measure of  
learning
- Accountability??



# Impact of the System on All of Us



# Research Tells Us

“The research is overwhelmingly clear: When parents play a positive role in their children’s education, children do better in school. This is true whether parents are college-educated or grade school graduates and regardless of the family income, race or ethnic backgrounds.”

Henderson



# Common Core Standards Begin to Address Collaboration

- NGA (National Governor's Association) and CCSSO (Council of Chief State School Officers) adopted common standards in 2010
- All but 6 states have adopted the standards
- Implementation times vary by state





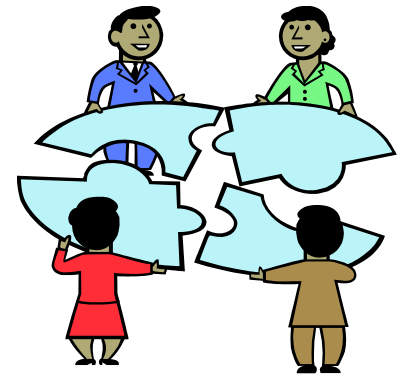
# How Does this Effect Family Engagement?

- Provides a common language from one school and one teacher to another and from state to state and then to parents
- Creates opportunities to teach to a framework of learning not just a textbook and to share that framework with parents
- Allows teachers and parents to speak a common language about learning

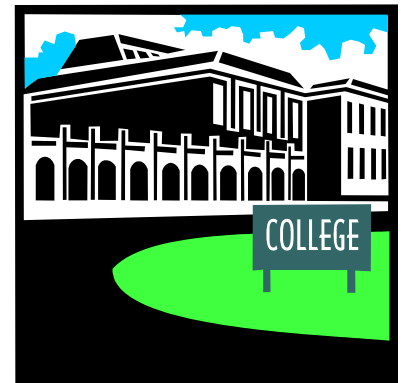


# How to Collaborate with Parents in Your Schools FFS Style

- Domains 1, 2, and 3
  - Welcoming Environment
  - Two-Way Communication
  - Degree of Engagement



# “G”: Clarkrange HS



# FFS Domain 4

- Support for Learning at Home
  - Engage parents in learning
  - model what you want
  - provide resources
    - *Parent Playbooks*: parent activities matched to Core Standards



# “G” Go for Great: St. Hope Results

API Year	API Score	Involvement %
2003-2004	638	70%
2004-2005	737	88%
2005-2006	744	94%
2006-2007	749	*
2007-2008	802	98%

Academic rigor + Parent involvement = Student Achievement

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# Parent Playbook Activities:

## Domain 4 Support Home Learning

*Parent Playbooks:* Parent/Child activities matched to Common Core Standards

- Alphabet Fun–K ELA Standard (k–2 p. 10)
- Math on Wheels–6<sup>th</sup> Math (6–8 p. 57)

Common State Standards:

- Electric Hair–4<sup>th</sup> Science (3–5 p. 93)
- Family History–2<sup>nd</sup> Social Studies  
( K–2 p.123)



# Favorite Quote

“The greatest gift I can ever give another, is my expectation of their success.”

Abraham-Hicks



# Thank You for Today

Dr. Joni Samples and the TN Dept of Education are pleased to provide you with a set of *Parent Playbooks*

These and The Engage!Workshop and EdCoaching are available through

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